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PARADES.

Parades for Wednesday, 2nd instant.
7.00 a.m. Members of Signalling Section
and other Signallers as detailed in Signalling
Section Order dated 8. 12. 15—
Signallers practice at Headquarters.
5.15 p.m. Civil Service Company—Drill
at Headquarters.
5.15 p.m. Signalling Section—Squad
drill at Headquarters.

On duty until morning of 4th instant
H.E.V.R.
On duty 4th inst. Left Section M. G. Co.
On duty 5th inst. Right Section M. G.
Co.
Orderly Officer 4th to 11th inst. Lieut.
Murphy.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

PARADES, CENTRAL, 5.30 P.M.
Monday, February 7th.—No. 3 Company
and Ambulance Company.
Tuesday, February 8th.—Nos. 1 and 2
Companies.
Thursday, February 10th.—Inspection
of all ranks by H.E. the Governor. The list
of all ranks will be compiled from Patrol
Duty and will attend the Inspection. 2nd
Shift Patrol will also attend.

LEAVE REGULATIONS.

The attention of all ranks is drawn to
these Regulations.

ORCHESTRA PRACTICE.

Thursday, February 3rd at 10.30 a.m.

NOTICE.

ANY EUROPEAN, NON ASIATIC or
INDIAN desiring to leave the
Colonies should apply in writing for per-
mission to do so to the Captain—Super-
intendent of Police, at least 48 hours
before the intended hour of departure,
giving name, nationality, age, sex, height
and occupation of the applicant, and
stating the name of the steamer or other
vessel or the hours of the train by which
the applicant wishes to leave. Applicants
should apply in person for their passes at
the Central Police Station between the
hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to
4 p.m. daily.

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Authorized Capital £25,000,000
Subscribed Capital £4,500,000
Paid-up Capital £2,437,500
II—Fire Funds £3,837,047
III—Life & Annuity Funds £17,567,530
Sinking Fund Account £125,330
£23,970,387
Revenue Fire Branch £2,321,458
Life and Annuity £2,141,593
Revenue Marine Department £37,239
Other Receipts £78,940
£3,579,228
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10 P.M. "FATSHAN" 4.30 P.M. "KINSHAN"

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10 P.M. "KINSHAN" 4.30 P.M. "FATSHAN"

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Week days at 7.30 A.M. and 2 P.M. Sundays at 7.30 A.M. and 3 P.M.

N.B.—There will be no steamer to Macao at 8 A.M. or from Macao at 2 P.M. on
Thursday the 3rd February.

N.B.—There will be no steamer from Macao at 7.30 A.M. or to Macao at 2 P.M. on
Friday the 4th February.

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

SUNDAY, 6th FEBRUARY.

The Company's Steamship "TAISHAN".

will depart from the COMPANY'S WING LOK STREET WHARF at 9 A.M.
and return from Macao at 3 P.M.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

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Departures from Macao to Canton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 9 P.M.

Departures from Canton to Macao on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 4.30 P.M.

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from Macao on Friday the 4th February.

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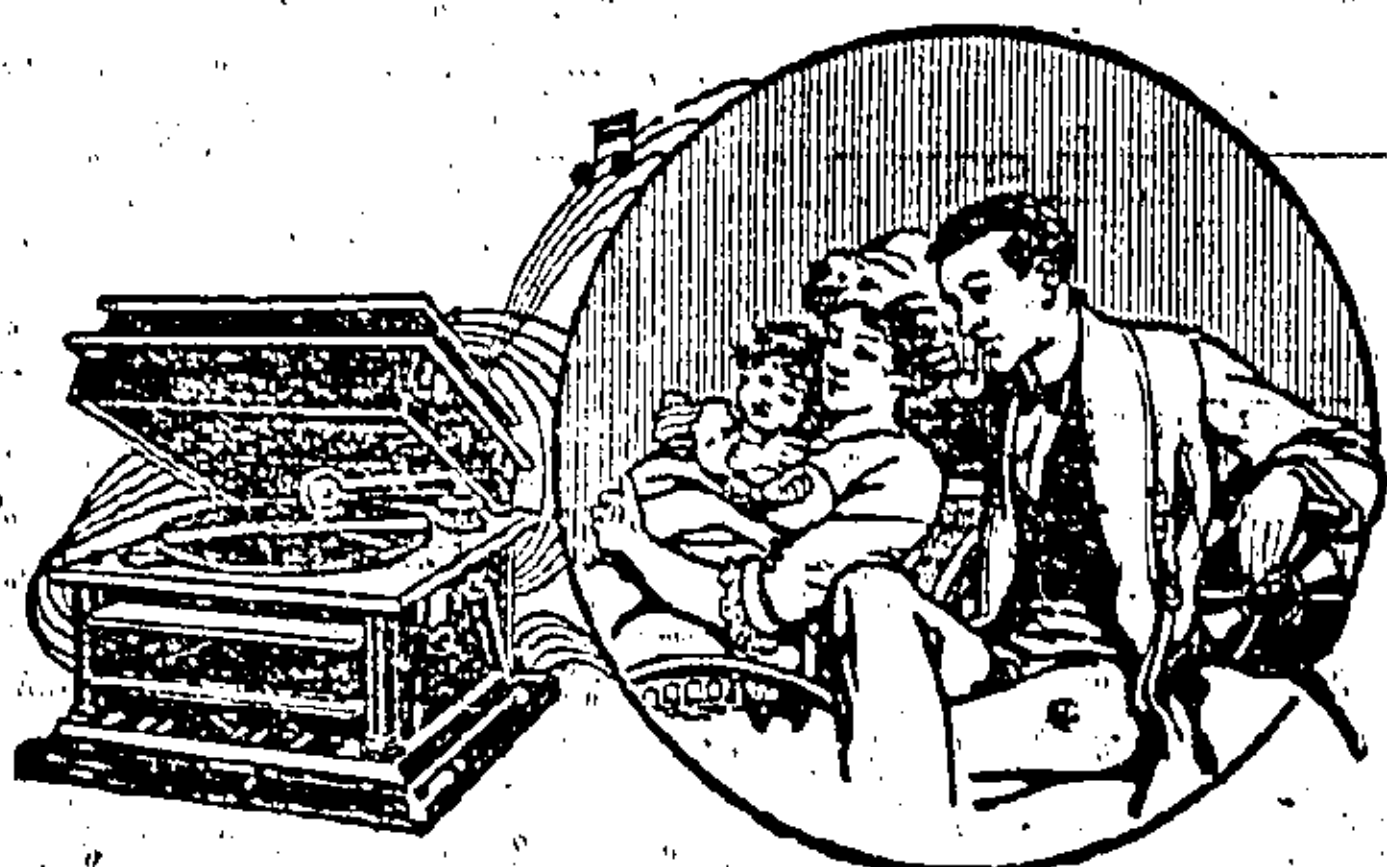
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FRUIT SALTis the approved remedy for driving out disease
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Coal and gives good results on a very
moderate consumption.Steamers calling at SEBASTIK or
SANDAKAN exclusively for SILMOPON
COAL (either cargo or bunkers)
are exempt from payment of all Port
charges.At Sebastik Steamers are berthed along-
side the Company's wharf where there is a
minimum depth of 27 to 28 feet at low
water Spring Tides.Charts of Sibuko Bay (Sebastik Har-
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concerning the Port can be had on
application to the Agents.

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THE SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 4269
for Twenty-five shares numbered 4301
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in the name of Frank Barrington Deacon
having been lost. Notice is hereby given
that unless the said Certificate is produced
at the Office of the Company 5 Queen's
Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or
before the Third day of February, 1916,
a new Certificate for the said shares will be
issued and the old Certificate will thereupon
be held by the Company as null and void.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, Jan. 3, 1916.

THE NEW PRICE FOR "FELUCCA" CIGARETTES IS
\$3.00 for 100
\$1.50 for 50.

MOSQUITO NET FUND.

SECOND SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

Mrs. Carmichael informs us that nearly
\$1,500 has been collected for the above
fund for providing mosquito nets for the
troops in tropical and dy-infested countries.
On January 27th 1,128 nets were sent
away, half for the troops at Alexandria
and the other half to Salonika.Any further contributions to the Fund
will be gratefully received by Mr. Carmi-
chael, c/o Carmichael & Clarke, 3 Queen's
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TRADE AFTER THE WAR.

GERMAN TRADERS IN CHINA.

The following extract is from the Man-
chester Guardian of December 29th."Exporter" sends us a letter in which
he refers to our leading article last Friday
on "Commerce and War" and Mr. Runci-
man's statements as to what the Government
is doing to protect British trade against the
Germans. "Mr. Runciman," he writes,
"assures us that as far as commerce is
concerned Germany is a beaten nation."This statement serves to prove that Mr.
Runciman under-estimates the commercial
policy of our enemies. They also will have
made their investigations during the past
seventeen months and prepared plans for
continuing and expanding their commerce."As an instance our correspondent mentions
the following incident:—I had a discussion in October, 1914,
with a prominent German merchant
established in Hongkong, just after the
Order in Council had been published to
liquidate all enemy concerns and compel
everyone of enemy nationality to boycott
Hongkong in the future. They could
transfer their offices to Canton and
Szechwan and continue their business from
there for the South China trade, and
also in Shanghai, Hankow, and
Tientsin, &c., for the North China trade
without any interference from the British
Government. Their goods would be
consigned to Shanghai, transhipped
there, and forwarded to their destination
by local steamers."Exporter" also mentions the trade
which the Germans have developed in the
Chinese treaty ports, from which we, too,
have derived some advantage.The German trader (he says) saw there
was a demand for cotton goods in China
for in excess of the trade done there by
old-established British merchants, and
they made every effort to supply the
demand. They opened their offices in
China, Germany, and England, and
scientifically applied themselves to obtain
this trade. We now know the result of
their persistence and adaptability. British
trade has increased through their efforts,
and our goods have been supplied to the
Chinese through German manipulation
and carefully protected by a German
chop or trade mark. It is misleading
and absurd, when statements are made
in Parliament, that German trading
operations have been characterized by
aggressiveness, unscrupulousness, and
unfriendliness to other countries, or
Government support. We had more than
equal opportunity with Germany to
secure the trade they obtained. Had we
utilized all our advantages at that time
there would be no question to-day of
capturing German trade.Our correspondent does not seem to have
much faith in Board of Trade action in
support of the cotton trade, although the
Board say they have had the assistance of
the best men they could find in Liverpool
and Manchester. His suggestion is that
the Board should first recognize by getting
a staff of trained specialists.

THE HANYANG ARSENAL.

THE EXTENSION OF ITS PLANT.

Admiral Sah Chen-ping, Director of the
Hanyang Arsenal, is making plans for the
extension of the scope of the arsenal. A
site in the vicinity of the arsenal has
been laid out for the construction of
new buildings and funds have been
pointed by the Government for the
necessary outlay. The establishment
of several new departments is now
under consideration. A workshop for
building torpedoes and accessories for
warships will be established and large
quantities of machinery have been
ordered from abroad. A plant for the
production of dynamite will be estab-
lished. The arsenal will be supplied with
raw materials. Another department will
also be established to refine sulphur, and
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BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of
1915, the EXCHANGE BANKS will
be CLOSED for the Transaction of
PUBLIC BUSINESS on THURSDAY and
FRIDAY the 3rd and 4th February.

Hongkong, Jan. 31, 1916. 73

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

CHINA NEW YEAR COMPETITIONS,
FANLING.

FEBRUARY 4TH, 1916.

MORNING.—Bogey Competition under
Handicap for a Prize presented by
the Club.

AFTERNOON.—Tombstone Competition.

CONDITIONS:—

A player is allowed the Bogey score plus
his handicap. When he has played the
total number of strokes allowed a peg with
his name thereon must be fixed at the spot
where the ball lies.If at the 18th hole a player has strokes in
hand he must continue from the first tee.In the case of a lost ball, another may be
dropped on the fairway, not nearer the
hole, under penalty of two strokes.The player who reaches the furthest
point in the number of strokes allowed
him wins the first prize.A prize will also be given to the player
whose peg or "Tombstone" lies nearest to
selected spot which will be disclosed after
the round is completed.

VISITORS' CUP.

During the months of February and
March an ECCLESIC Competition will be
held over the 18 hole course for a Cup
kindly presented by a visitor.

DEFINITION.

An Ecclesic Competition is played under
stroke conditions. The competitors play
any number of rounds over a given period,
and the ecclesic score is the choice score of
each hole in all the rounds.Competitors will return their cards, and
the best score each player has achieved at
each of the 18 holes will be selected, the
lowest aggregate winning the Cup.A charge of 50 cents per card will be
made, the proceeds to be given to a War
Charity.

T. W. HILL,

Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, Jan. 31, 1916. 76

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA
DOOR COMPANY, LIMITED.SHAREHOLDERS desirous of making
inquiries in respect of the Debenture
Issue should apply to the Company's
Office in Hongkong.All applications for debentures must be
sent in before the 24th February, 1916.
Forms may be had on application.

R. M. DYER,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, Dec. 30, 1915. 1111

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS will be held in the Office of
Messrs. Dowling & Co., Limited, on
MONDAY the 14th February, 1916, at
10.30 for the purpose of receiving the
report of the General Managers together
with a statement of accounts to 31st
December, 1915.The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 7th to 14th
February both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY LIMITED,

General Managers.

Hongkong, Jan. 31, 1916. 75

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK
ING CORPORATION.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING
of the SHAREHOLDERS of this
Corporation will be held at the City Hall,
Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 19th day
of February, 1916, at 10.30 for the pur-
pose of receiving the Report of the Council
of Directors together with a statement of
Accounts for the year ending the 31st
December, 1915.The REGISTER of SHARES of the
Corporation will be CLOSED from MON-
DAY, the 7th February, to SATURDAY,
the 19th February, 1916, (both days
inclusive) during which period no transfer
of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Council of Directors,

N. J. STARR,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, Jan. 31, 1916. 74

INTIMATIONS

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

BOXING.

SUBJECT to sufficient entries being
received an AMATEUR Boxing
Competition open to Hongkong will be
held in the Gymnasium of the V.R.C. on
FRIDAY, February 25th.

Conditions.

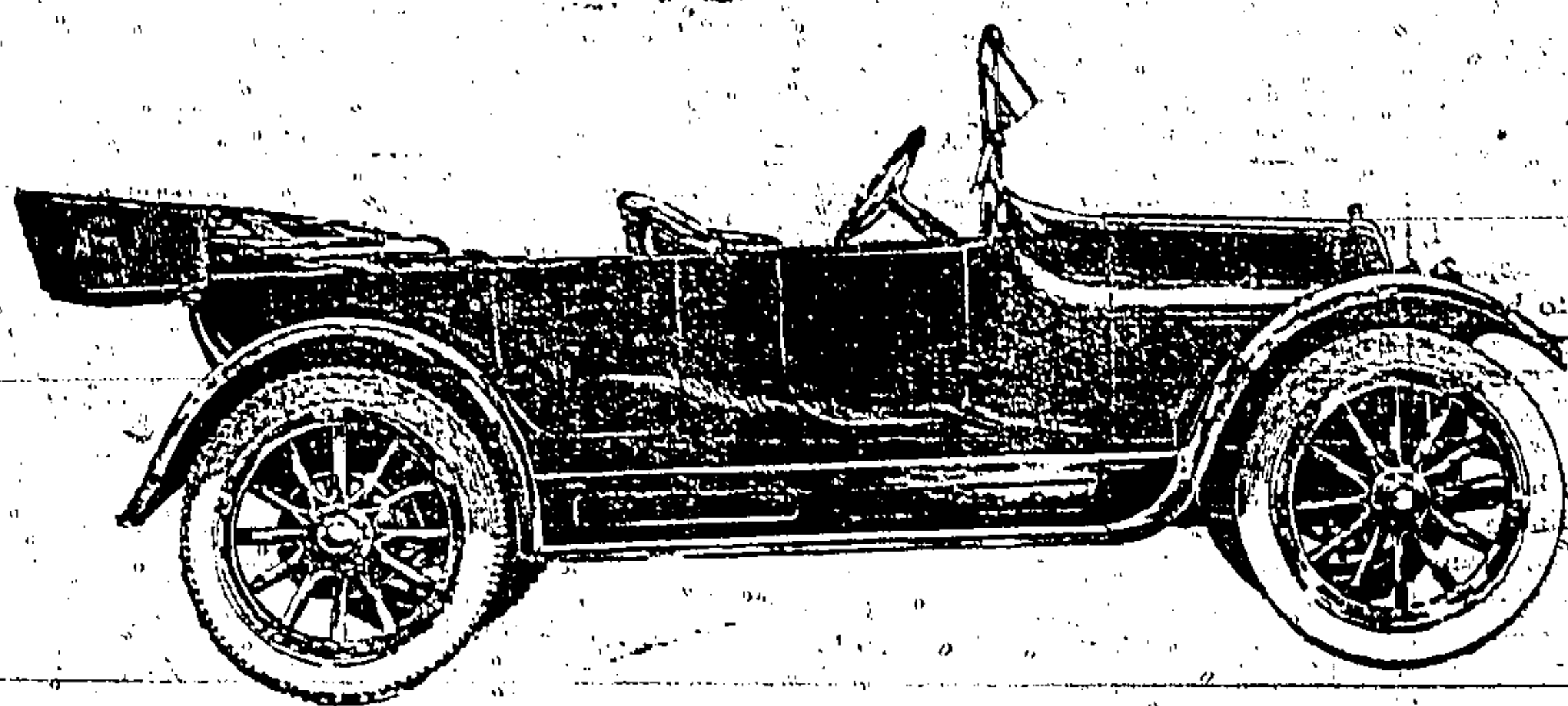
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BRITISH TRADERS IN GERMANY.

HOW THEY ARE TREATED BY THE
ENEMY.

The following letter appears in the
London Morning Post of December 23th:—

Sir,—At the outbreak of war I was
domiciled as a British merchant in Ham-
burg. I was trading under the style of
"Fredk. Wm. Hanson," and was also
acting—since 1897—as agent-general and
manager of the British firm of Wm. F.
Malcolm and Co. in Hamburg, a branch
office of the same firm in London. Both
my own firm and that of Messrs. Malcolm
(Handelsrecht) in accordance with the
requirements of German law, and in the
month of August, 1914, our busi-

ness was not in any way interfered with,
except that by proclamation the export of
raw jute was prohibited. I was largely
interested in this, as I was for Messrs. Wm.
F. Malcolm and Co., by far the largest
jute merchant in Germany. I was, how-
ever, permitted to trade within the limits of
the German Empire, and as I heard
rumours that the German Government
intended to attach all stocks of raw jute
owned by British firms I realised all my
principal stocks to save them from attack.
I sold the last parcel on Sept. 7,
1914. On September 8, 1914, early in the
morning, a man appeared at my office and
read to me and to my staff a proclamation
by the Senate of the Republic of
Hamburg, according to which he was
appointed supervisor to the firms of Wm. F.
Malcolm and Co. and Fredk. Wm. Hanson.
The document stated that I had
to obey him and take his instructions
under a penalty of 12 months' imprisonment
or 2 years' hard labour. He then
ordered me to hand over all
books and papers relating to the business
of Wm. F. Malcolm and Co. and Fredk.
Wm. Hanson. He took all my account-
books, letters, letter-books, accounts, and
documents, in fact everything which might
have any reference to the business, even
the contents of my wastepaper basket. I
was further informed that I was not allowed
to send any letters or telegrams except
such that he had first approved of,
and that I was not allowed to open any
incoming letters or telegrams, nor to draw
cheques unless countersigned by the super-
visor. My own private banking account,
which contained a balance of about
M40,000.00, and that of Messrs. Wm. F.
Malcolm and Co., with a balance of
approximately 1½ million marks, had been
stopped by him the night before. He
removed all the books and papers which he
had attached in my office to the office in
which he was then employed (he had not
an office of his own), and told me that I
would have to submit to him at that office
all incoming letters and telegrams, and
all outgoing letters and telegrams for
approval before despatching them. My
business was a fairly extensive one with an
annual turnover approximating about
300 million sterling, and it was of
course impossible for me to carry it on
under these restrictions. I told the man

so, and informed him that I declined to do
any business whatever under these condi-
tions. He replied in effect that it was not
the intention of the German Government
to hinder us in business, that on the con-
trary they wished us to continue trading,
and that it was my duty to do so. This
course was most surprising, as it is obviously
impossible to trade under such conditions.
Besides, I found out later on that unknown
to me the supervisor had given orders to
deliver any mail or telegrams to us. These
were only delivered subsequently after
having been held up—unknown to me—
for nearly a fortnight. When I noticed
that neither letters nor telegrams were
arriving, I wrote to the post and telegraph
offices, but received no reply. These letters
were submitted to the supervisor, who even
then refrained from taking any action. His
place of business was situated some
considerable distance from my office, and
very frequently my messengers would be
informed at 3 or 4 p.m. that he was out, or
that he had left for the day. I therefore
consulted my lawyer and decided to send
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We were told at the time that these were
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I have confined myself strictly to
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FREDK. WM. HANSON.

36, Leadenhall-street, Dec. 22.

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said that half the fatal illness in the world
are caused by self-neglect. People all w
themselves to be occasionally ill, because
they do not take care of their health when
they are only a little out of sorts. He said
that there are two danger signals—short-
ness of breath, & loss of appetite on going
upstairs, and a headache with bad appetite
at breakfast-time. People with these
symptoms are always the people who fill
hospitals of disease easily, because their
blood is in an impoverished, impure state
and their power of resistance lost.
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Nassau Road, Shanghai.

Malcolm and Co., but in this he did not
succeed, as he drew quite a wrong balance-
sheet. He was evidently not accustomed
to commercial bookkeeping, and from what
I saw and heard of him I rather think his
usual occupation consisted in keeping
tradesmen's weekly accounts books. His
assistants, who did most of the work
in connection with my business, was, I
know, a bookkeeper to a laundry. No fee
was charged at the time for the supervision
of my own firm, but I was informed in July
of August last, that the Hamburg Go-
vernment had decided that I had to pay
him a fee of M. 200 a month, and that it
was to be made retrospective as from
January 1. There was also no business
whatever to supervise in connection with
my own firm. According to the German law
enacted for the supervision of alien enemies
the supervisors had not the right to
initiate any business, but their powers
were limited to supervision, which, of
course, entailed their right to veto any-
thing they liked. In the case of Messrs.
Wm. F. Malcolm and Co., if anything, the
supervisor did not adhere strictly to the
terms of their law, as he undertook to call
in outstanding moneys from that firm's
customers in Germany and elsewhere
without consulting me, and certainly
without my sanction.

I lodged at the outset a formal protest
concerning all this with the United States
Consul General in Hamburg, but I was
forbidden by the supervisor to communicate
with the Consul General again.
I did things that could
sufficiently done to injure us in our business
and to prevent us engaging in any trade
whatever.

My own banking account, and that of
Messrs. Wm. F. Malcolm and Co. were
kept at the Deutsche Bank, Hamburg. As
the latter's balance was fairly large, and as
I was not allowed to remit it home, I
wanted to place it on deposit at interest.
The Deutsche Bank refused to take it on
deposit, and I met with the same refusal
from the other leading banks in Hamburg.
I was told by one of them that they had
come to a private arrangement among
themselves not to pay deposit interest on
any "English" money. The Deutsche
Bank especially behaved very badly.

On November 6th last year I was arrest-
ed, put in goal, and subsequently interned
in Eisleben, where I was put in a damp,
dark stable and treated generally with
most outrageous cruelty, so that my health
has permanently suffered. This in spite of
the fact that I had for many years been a
householder and fairly large taxpayer,
and owned property in the country, and
then nearly fifty-four years of age, and in a
most precarious state of health.

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THE DIARY.

General Memoranda.

- TUESDAY, Feb. 1**—
Chinese New Year Day.
Public Holiday.
- WEDNESDAY, Feb. 2**—
Police Reserve Annual Dinner.
- THURSDAY, Feb. 3**—
9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by S.S. "Taishan."
Volunteer Reserves: Field Operations.
- FRIDAY, Feb. 4**—
Meeting of the Licensing Board.
6.30 p.m.—St. Joseph's College Association's Annual Meeting.
- SATURDAY, Feb. 5**—
Volunteer Reserves: Field Operations.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, Feb. 1, 1916.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

Not long ago we heard Hongkong described as "a quiet cathedral city" compared with bustling Shanghai, and the comparison struck us as not inapt. We were reminded of it on reading a recent article in the "N. C. Daily News" on the subject of the Petition which is being signed in Hongkong for greater representation of the community in the governing bodies of the colony. In the course of the article it was said:

"Anybody who knows Hongkong and Shanghai sufficiently well to compare the two will, we think, readily admit that the latter forms by far the livelier and more enterprising community. Why? Largely because of its earliest days Shanghai held its destiny in its own hands, because it elected its governing body, holds ratemakers' meetings and can give corporate expression to its desires. It is responsible to itself, and the exercise of that responsibility acts as a tonic. Hongkong with its present constitution is deprived of these advantages and is the less vigorous in consequence."

It is a somewhat striking and interesting comment, but we cannot say that it is entirely convincing. By the same process of reasoning, the question suggests itself: How is it that the Foreign Settlements of Canton, Amoy, Foochow, and half a dozen other places blessed with the same system of government as Shanghai are not also "livelier and more enterprising places" than Hongkong? We are inclined to think that the explanation of the difference on which our Shanghai contemporary remarks lies in considerations of local topography rather than in the forms of government. Imagine how much livelier—and possibly how much more enterprising—Hongkong would be were the island as flat and the "city" as compact as the Settlement of Shanghai? So far as the Government of the Colony is concerned it certainly cannot be accused of a want of enterprise nor can Hongkong, so far as municipal government is concerned, be said to suffer by comparison with Shanghai. And is the community generally really less enterprising? What justification is there for the statement that it is? As far back as 1889 Sir WILLIAM DES VŒUX, a man who had seen a good deal of the world, was moved to say of Hongkong: "It may be doubted whether the evidences of moral and material achievement, presented as it were in a focus, make anywhere a more forcible appeal to the eye and imagination, and whether any other spot on the earth is thus more likely to excite, or much more fully justify, pride in the name of Englishman." In the quarter of a century that has elapsed since that eulogy was written those evidences of moral and material achievement have been enormously increased, and it may be legitimately doubted whether under a more democratic form of government, Hongkong's record in this respect would have been improved upon. This, however, is not to say that it would have suffered, for the initiative in enterprise has not always come from the Government. To us, it

seems that the community is as free under the present system of government as under a system of local self-government to exercise to the full all the talent for "enterprise" it possesses, and, so far as we are aware, it cannot be said that the Government acts as a check upon such activities. On the contrary, we think it may be said that the Government has shown itself always ready to lend all the encouragement and assistance to local enterprise that could reasonably be expected. We cannot at the moment recall a case where the contrary could be established.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

During November 27, 1915, the plantation rubber, was shipped from British North Borneo.

Mr S. D. Hickie, of the Robinson Piano Company, had a watch and chain, valued at \$70, snatched from his pocket by a Chinese who collided with him in Queen's Road on Monday.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks a donation of \$130 from the Boarding House Keepers Guild to the funds of the Hospitals.

Three cases of diphtheria, one British and the rest Chinese, were notified last week. Two proved fatal. There were also three fatal Chinese cases of enteric fever and one fatal Chinese case of small-pox.

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

The report of the Board of Directors is as follows:—
The Directors beg to submit to Shareholders the Report and Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1915.

After paying running expenses, salaries, premium of insurance, loss in exchange of subsidiary silver, \$90,815.42, repairs and all other charges, and after deducting the sum of \$12,604.00 carried forward from last account, and after transferring from Investment Fluctuation Account the sum of \$47,429.90 to Profit and Loss Account and transferring from the Equalization of Dividend fund \$58,000, there remains the sum of \$82,378.43 at credit of Profit and Loss Account.

From this amount the Directors recommend that a dividend for the year of one dollar be paid to shareholders, leaving a balance of \$2,373.43 to be carried forward to next account.

The Investment Fluctuation Reserve now amounts to 20 per cent. of the market value of the share investments of the Company.

In accordance with the Articles of Association Messrs R. Shawan and E. W. Lockyer retire from the Board by rotation, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The accounts have been audited by Mr C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., during the absence of Mr F. Maitland, and Mr A. R. Lowe, F.C.A., who was elected to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Mr A. O'D. Gordon. Mr F. Maitland does not seek re-election and Messrs A. R. Lowe, F.C.A., and Mr C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., are eligible for election as auditors for 1916.

Chairman.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1916.

CHINESE BANKS AID THE GOVERNMENT.

Upon hearing the stringency of the financial condition of the Government, Bank authorities in Peking immediately called a meeting for the discussion of the support of the Government. An immense amount was immediately raised, a sum of \$2,000,000 being remitted to the Ministry of Finance with a memorial which stated that in time of urgent need, further remittance would be made without charging interest. The amount advanced by Banks are: Bank of Communications, \$800,000; Salt Industrial Bank, \$400,000; Bank of Colonization, \$400,000; Bank of Industry, \$300,000; and the Hsin Hwa Savings Bank, \$300,000.—Peking Daily News.

AFTERNOON SHARE FLUCTUATIONS.

Messrs Vernon & Smyth advise us of the following:—
China Sugar \$131 buyers.
Indo Chipas \$133 buyers.
Deferred \$50 buyers.

The amalgamation of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Co. (which is represented in Hongkong by Messrs Bradley and Co., Ltd.) and the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada, which was at one time mooted, has not received the approval of the Canadian Government. We are informed that the past year has been the best in the history of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Co.

BY THE WAY.

There is authoritative news of a tiger on the prowl in the neighbourhood of Castle Peak. What about the tiger that rumour says was seen on the Peak last week?

One of the London publishing houses (Frank Palmer, Red Lion Court) is issuing a series of books of "National Proverbs." I have just been glancing through the interesting collection of the proverbs of China. Now that the New Year Fair is drawing many foreign residents to the neighbourhood of Bonham Strand, on the hunt for "bargains" in curios, the two following proverbs may be of some service, to new comers at least:—

(1) "If you would not be cheated, ask the price at three shops."
(2) "When he cheats up to heaven in the price asked, you come down to earth in the price you offer."

An innovation is about to be made on the Peak tramroad. Chinese are to be employed as brakemen, owing to the difficulty of getting suitable Europeans to fill vacancies that are shortly occurring in the staff. Some years ago when the employment of Chinese was contemplated strong objection was voiced by travellers on the Peak tramway. I doubt if the objection is so strong to-day, though I have already heard it voiced. I understand that only experienced Chinese mechanics will be employed. Well, we have Chinese in charge of the ferries crossing the harbour, Chinese driving the electric cars, and Chinese employed as engine-drivers on the Kowloon-Canton railway. The right sort of Chinese ought to prove satisfactory as brakemen on the Peak cars.

There is evidently an impression in Peking that this "right little tight little island" of Hongkong is enormously wealthy. "Last week" I reproduced in this column from a Peking paper a paragraph which stated that a sum of \$17,000,000 had been collected from the Chinese of Hongkong in a few days and lent to the leaders of the Yunnan revolt. Now I notice the statement that the Chinese Government has paid the final instalment of a loan of "110 million pounds sterling" which the Hongkong Government is said to have lent to the Yunnan Government ten years ago for the redemption of the Hanoi-Canton railway contracts held at that time by American concessionaires. That sum is probably big enough to buy up all the railways of China. It is, alas! an effort to which Hongkong is hopelessly unequal. The Hongkong Government's loan to the Yunnan Government was for the purpose of repaying the loan a hundred fold.

Able-bodied young men abroad who are contemplating a visit home may find it not a little difficult to get back again. Persons desiring to leave the United Kingdom have to apply to a police magistrate for his signature to a special form, printed on green paper, on which application for the passport has to be made. Last month a doctor handed Mr. Fordham, the magistrate at the West London Police Court, the green form for signature, saying that he was anxious to get back to Burma, when the following dialogue took place:—
Mr. Fordham: I have personally to inquire into this statement, and it does not seem to me that you have any reason for leaving this country.

The Doctor: I want to go back to my residence.
Mr. Fordham: That is no reason for leaving this country.—On my return to India one of the doctors wants to leave and join up. They are very short of doctors.

Mr. Fordham: I suppose you don't like to go and offer yourself, and get the doctor to chuck you out?—No, I am fit now.
Mr. Fordham: I shall not sign the form.

A curious incident arose in the Courts the other day when two Europeans gave evidence on a serious charge. The first declined to be sworn on the Bible.
"Why?" queried the Magistrate.
"Do you object on religious principles?"

The man answered no; he had no religious principles; he was an atheist.

The Magistrate asked him also if he objected on the ground of religion.

"No," answered the man, "I am a Quaker."

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THE MAGISTRACY.

STREET ROBBERY.

A Chinese was committed for trial by Mr. Wood this afternoon on a charge of assaulting a Chinese woman in Cochrane Street, with intent to rob. Defendant denied the offence, saying that he was not the only person there wearing a white coat, which was what the woman recognized her assailant by.

FURIOUS BICYCLE RIDING.

A Chinese youth was fined \$25 or a month by Mr. Haselaud for riding a bicycle furiously, and ordered to pay \$5 doctor's fee for injuries caused.

It appeared that the defendant was going down Nathan Road at a furious pace and collided with a rickshaw in which three of Mr. Martin's children were riding. The children were thrown out, one receiving a bad cut on the shoulder.

Albert George Martin, who was in the rickshaw, said the bicycle was on the wrong side of the road, going very quickly. It ran into the side of the rickshaw and swung it round so that they were thrown out. His sister was injured by falling on the ground.

"These men should not be allowed to ride. It is not safe to go along Nathan Road," said the Magistrate in passing sentence.

BEWARE OF PICKPOCKETS.

A Chinese was charged by Inspector Kent before Mr. Wood with the larceny of a watch from Eugene Robert Hinton, a Shanghai clerk passing through Hongkong. Complainant said he was in Jerrard Street yesterday morning looking at the stalls. He was carrying two washing basins and a dozen cups and saucers. "I am very sorry for you" interposed the Magistrate.

Complainant added that he was making a bargain for another article when he felt something drawn out of his pocket. He found his watch had gone, and saw defendant running away. Witness dropped what he was holding, smashing all the saucers but not the basins, and gave chase. Defendant got away from him once and then a ship's officer helped to detain him till the police came. The watch and defendant's sun-hat were found where defendant had fallen when witness caught him first.

Defendant was sentenced to six months hard labour and four hours' strokes.

ALLEGED LARCENY FROM THE PERSON.

Three Chinese, one a lunking, were charged before Mr. Haselaud by Inspector P. O'Sullivan with larceny from the person of \$375, \$115 and \$50, the money of the three complainants.

Mr. J. H. Gardner appeared to prosecute, and Mr. W. E. L. Shenton to defend.

Mr. Gardner said that the facts shortly were that on January 11th the three complainants went to dine with the third defendant at about 8 p.m. at a West Point restaurant. The third defendant invited the three complainants and another man, and before dinner he suggested a little game. They had been playing this for a few minutes when the third defendant complained of the dice and left the room returning with the first and second defendant and some others. The first defendant slapped the first complainant on the face and asked him to empty his pockets and then pulled out a bunch of cash and several bills, after which he took away from him the money in his pockets and some silver. The second defendant abstracted \$115 from the pockets of the second complainant, while a \$10 note was taken from the third man by the first and third defendants. The complainants, after having been robbed, were rather scared of reporting the matter to the police, who happened to hear of the affair later.

Mr. Shenton said the case for the defence was that the dice were "loaded" and belonged to one of the complainants. The third defendant got into the hands of the witnesses and they took this money out of him. He had a row with them and the other two defendants came in from an adjoining room, and the money that the three complainants had illegally won from him. That was on January 11th and nothing more was heard of the affair till January 30th.

Evidence was then given.

The case was adjourned.

A DISPUTED LOAN.

Before the Chief Justice, Sir Wm. Rogers, K.C., in the Supreme Court this morning, Wong Sai Ying, a banker of 55 Bonham Strand, claimed from Mui Chan Shi, the sum of \$4,104.10, being the amount of principal and interest due to Wong Sai Koo firm from the estate of Mui Nai Chun, alias Mui Cheuk Chun, of which defendant was the administratrix.

Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. Azarov, appeared on behalf of the plaintiff, and defendant was represented by Mr. F. C. Jenkins, instructed by Mr. Davidson, of the firm of Messrs Hastings and Hastings.

Mr. Potter read pleadings setting out that deceased borrowed \$3,000. Defendant denied that deceased ever borrowed the money, or that he signed the borrowing note, that the claim was barred by the statutory limitations, and the executrix had administered the whole of the estate and therefore was not further liable, with the exception of certain properties which, Counsel thought, were agreed to be worthless. Counsel thought he could prove that there were other properties.

Counsel submitted documentary evidence and that deceased died twelve days after the loan was made and did not thereafter live very long to enjoy the money.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

WEST POINT BUILDING CO.

The 28th ordinary meeting of the shareholders of the West Point Building Co., Ltd., was held this morning at the Office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., general agents. There were present:—Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G. (in the chair), the Hon. Mr. David Landale, Messrs J. W. C. Bonnar, C. S. Gubbay, directors; M. S. Northcott (acting secretary); H. W. Lockyer, A. A. Fyfe, F. Maitland, K. J. Chapman, and E. Bruce Shepherd, shareholders.

The CHAIRMAN, upon the adoption of the report and accounts said:—
The figures for the year under review differ but very slightly from those for 1914, and the usual dividend of \$4.25 per share has been easily maintained, with a slightly increased sum from that of last year to carry forward. The present lease's term expires at the end of next March, and it will be of interest to Shareholders to know that a new lease has been arranged with other parties at a considerably increased rental, viz. \$7,250 per annum. Documents binding the parties to complete the lease, have been signed, and a deposit to the amount of \$5,000—as security therefor—paid over.

Upon completion of the agreement the balance of the security to the full amount of \$20,000, will be forthcoming. The property will, of course, have to be put into thorough repair for the new leasees, part of the cost of which will fall upon the outgoing leasees, so that, although we may expect to see an increase under the heading of repairs to buildings in our Balance Sheet for 1916, on the other hand we shall see a far larger sum standing to the credit of Rent A/c and we may, I think, confidently look forward to larger dividends in the future. I mentioned last year that some enquiries had been made from parties desirous of acquiring the property and we have had further such enquiries during the year which have not so far reached a figure your Directors deem sufficiently high to consider.

The CHAIRMAN, upon the adoption of the report and accounts, and he did so with pleasure. He was sure the shareholders would be satisfied with the steady progress of the Company and the prospect of looking forward to increased dividends. He offered thanks and congratulations to the directors for having so well looked after their interests in the past.

Mr. Lockyer proposed, and Mr. Fyfe seconded, that Sir Paul Chater and Mr. Bonnar be re-elected directors and this was carried.

Mr. Fyfe proposed and Mr. Northcott seconded the re-election of Mr. H. P. Percy Smith as auditor, at a remuneration of \$50 and this was carried.

HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE LTD.

The second ordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd., was held at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s office to-day. There were present:—Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G. (chairman), the Hon. Mr. David Landale, Hon. Mr. E. Shellin, Dr. J. W. Noble, directors;—Mr. M. S. Northcott (secretary) Messrs C. S. Gubbay, H. W. Lockyer and E. Bruce Shepherd, shareholders.

On moving the adoption of the report and accounts the CHAIRMAN said:—
The period now under review covers a full year's working as against only seven months in the previous account, and is therefore not of much use for purposes of comparison. It gives you, however, fair indication of what may be expected from year to year, and, as you see, we are paying a dividend of 7 per cent. for the year, as we did for the first seven months of the Company's life. I am pleased to be able to state that so far, with one exception, rents due to the Company from every lease have been promptly and fully paid, and I trust will continue so to be until such time as their tenancies run out, and we must hope that new tenancies will be forthcoming. I may further state that with regard to the exception mentioned, the amount remaining due and unpaid has been admitted by the Liquidators of the Firm in question, and will, I am confident, be eventually paid. With regard to the item Repairs to Property, I would say that the actual amount expended during the year was slightly over \$5,000, which sum included the cost of an entirely new roof to No. 8, Des Voeux Road Central, an unforeseen outlay of some \$4,000, an item of expenditure which will not occur again. Against this the sum of \$2,500 received from the Vendors on the formation of the Company for repairs to H and building, and shown in Suspense A/c in the accounts of 1914, has now been appropriated. I am pleased to say that with the exception of the Godown we have practically no vacant floors.

Mr. Northcott seconded the adoption of the report which was carried.

Mr. Gubbay proposed and Mr. Northcott seconded the re-election of the Hon. Mr. D. Landale as director, which was carried.

Mr. Northcott proposed and the Hon. Mr. Shellin seconded the appointment of Mr. H. Percy Smith and Mr. C. Bernard Brown as auditors at a remuneration of \$75 each.

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY.

The 23rd ordinary meeting of the shareholders in the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., was held at the office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. to-day.

There were present:—The Hon. Mr. D. Landale (in the chair) Sir Paul Chater, Hon. Mr. E. Shellin, Messrs C. S. Gubbay, H. P. White (directors); M. S. Northcott, (acting secretary); H. W. Lockyer, A. A. Fyfe, L. N. Leslie, Ho Fook, K. J. Chapman, and Mr. Lo Cheung Shiu, M. E. Aggar, (shareholders).

The CHAIRMAN, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts said:—
The net profits for the year under review amounted to \$343,311, as against \$400,834.44 for the previous year, a decrease of \$106,547.30. This is accounted for largely by the fact that there have been no sales of Property during 1915, whereas in 1914, the profits derived from this source amounted to \$4,303,593. There is further explained by a decrease in rents of \$16,254.98 due partly to the loss of rents derived from the properties sold in 1914, and also to loss of rents from European properties rendered vacant from War causes, the estimated rental derivable from such properties being valued at \$2,800 per annum. While interest derived from mortgages and investments in kindred land Companies shows an increase of \$17,681.47, on the other hand interest paid out is increased by \$32,557.34, our investment in Property having risen from \$6,709,142.68 to \$7,224,041.77. Out of this total value of our Properties \$2,829,813.08 represents properties developed and revenue earning, and as you

will see from the amount at credit of Rent A/c give a return of something over 7%. During the year two new blocks were completed and handed over, one on the Praya East and one in "Wongchick" Road; the former is now fairly completed but we have not so far succeeded in letting off much of the latter. Several of our large areas of Chinese property in the Wanchoi District fell in during the year and new leases have been made at remunerative rates. This has necessitated properties being overhauled and renovated which accounts in part for the increase shown under the heading Repairs to House Property. I may mention that a lease of all our remaining Chinese Property in the Hongkong and Yumai districts has been arranged, commencing early this year. The Company's holding in shares in kindred companies has increased by \$10,588.25 and the income derived from the same and mortgage amounts to about 6 1/2 %. Commencing A/c as foreshadowed last year has increased. No progress has been made during the year with the Praya East Reclamation Scheme, in which we are largely interested, owing to the War conditions prevailing.

Mr. Lockyer seconded, and the adoption of the accounts was approved.

Mr. Ho Fook proposed the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. H. P. White to the directorate; Mr. Fyfe seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Lo Cheung Shiu proposed that Mr. H. P. White and Sir Robert Ho Tung be elected directors. Mr. Northcott seconded and the motion was adopted.

Mr. Fyfe proposed and Mr. Aggar seconded the appointment of Messrs H. Percy Smith, and C. Bernard Brown as auditors at a remuneration of \$500.

HONGKONG RECLAMATION CO.

The fifteenth ordinary meeting of the shareholders in the Hongkong Reclamation Co., Ltd., was held to-day at the office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. There were present:—Hon. Mr. Landale, Hon. Mr. Shellin, Sir Paul Chater, Messrs C. S. Gubbay, M. S. Northcott, directors; E. Bruce Shepherd (acting secretary); Messrs E. Seth, A. A. Fyfe, Maxwell, Ho Fook, Lo Cheung Shiu, Ho Kom Tong shareholders.

The CHAIRMAN, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts and in doing so said:—
The net profits for the year amount to \$56,380.28. No sales of property have been made during the year and our investments in mortgages have been increased by \$41,000. The value of our small house property at Yumai was renewed for a further three years at a small decrease in rent. Rents received from storage on vacant ground show a falling off, as stocks of Coal and Timber have been much smaller during 1915. We continue to pay the usual dividend of 7 per cent. upon the paid-up capital, carrying forward some \$14,000 less than in the last account.

Mr. Ho Fook seconded and report was adopted.

Mr. Lo Cheung Shiu proposed and Mr. Fyfe seconded the re-appointment of the retiring directors Mr. C. S. Gubbay and Sir Robert Ho Tung.

The re-appointment of Mr. H. P. Smith and Mr. C. B. Brown as auditors at a remuneration of \$50 each was carried on the motion of Mr. Lo Cheung Shiu seconded by Mr. Ho Kom Tong.

MR. DENMAN FULLER'S RECITAL.

The piano recital given by Mr. Denman Fuller at the City Hall last night was an unqualified success. The attendance was extremely gratifying, the whole of the seating accommodation in the larger of the two halls being occupied.

Mr. Fuller's opening piece was Chopin's Sonata in B flat minor, which ends with the well-known Funeral March. His interpretation of the Sonata was masterly, and the "dim, religious light" in which it was played added something to its deep impressiveness.

Mr. Fuller's other pieces were "A Dreamer's Tales" by Norman Peterkin (a local pianist), "Nepi" by Balfour Gardiner; "Serenade du Village" by E. Schutt; "Froude" (No 3) by Steinerbach; "Dream of Love" (No 3) by List; "Jardin aux Plantes" by C. Debussy; "Les Fêtes" by J. Sib. Lys; and an "Intermezzo in Octaves" by Lischitzky.

Such a diversified programme imposes a severe test on a pianist's abilities, but each and every one of these pieces had in Mr. Fuller a most skilful and sympathetic interpreter.

In response to an encore at the close he gave his own charming adaptation of the dance of Fire and Water in "The Blue Bird."

The vocalist was Mr. H. E. Marial, whose choice of songs was admirably in keeping with the atmosphere of the recital, and they were exceedingly well sung. Mr. Norman Peterkin played the accompaniments.

The proceeds from the sale of tickets for this Recital are to be devoted to buying material to be made into bandages for the Wounded by Mrs. Phelps' class, and the proceeds of the programme go to the Fund for Blind Soldiers and Sailors.

YUNNANESE ENTER SUifu.

A Reuter's telegram from Chengtu confirms the report that the Yunnanese have entered Suifu. It says:—The Yunnanese entered Suifu on the 21st and are now approaching Chienweihsien. The troops at Suifu are retiring north-east, to protect the salt-walls district. The Government is raising new troops here and is sending them southwards immediately. The total number of casualties in the Suifu district is under three hundred.

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QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR PRESENTS THE PRIZES.

H.E. Sir F. HENRY MAY, K.C.M.G., attended Queen's College at noon yesterday and presented the prizes to the successful students. He was accompanied by Lady May and others present were Sir Chas. Elliot, K.C.M.G., Bishop Lander, Bishop Pearson, the Hon. Mr. Claud Serran (Colonial Secretary), the Hon. Mr. P. H. Honyok, Mr. E. A. Irving (Director of Education), Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector of English Schools), Mr. Ralphs, Mr. R. E. Bellis, Mr. Ho Kung Tong, Rev. C. W. Featherstone, Rev. E. W. L. Martin.

There was also a large attendance of scholars. Some of the masters were the uniform of either the Volunteers or Reserves; while some of the scholars, members of the Hongkong Special Police Reserve, formed a guard of honour at the entrance to the College on the arrival of the Governor.

The Governor said that it afforded him very great pleasure on his arrival at the College to be received by a guard of honour of Special Police. (Applause.) It was the first time that he or any other Governor of this Colony had had that unique experience and, being an old police officer, he might say the father of the Special Police Reserve, it afforded him a great deal of pleasure to see that thoughtfully set performed by members of that Corps who were attending the College.

The report which they had heard read was a satisfactory record of achievements, not only by the present students of the College, but also by many of the old boys who had belonged to it in the past. There were, of course, one or two weak points—nothing in the world was perfect. There was one that could easily be corrected and that was the attendance which, he regretted to see, was often more the subject of criticism. It always was in a school that was principally manned by Chinese; they would not reflect in their own interests, and in the interests of their class, as well as in justice to their masters—that it was an advantage to attend regularly. He hoped that they would act so that those annual criticisms would disappear from the report altogether. He was also sorry to see that Shortland had not made good progress. They knew that, in order to save time in the public offices they were now granting special allowances in order to encourage boys to qualify in shorthand; therefore, there was good money to be earned by those who qualified in that art. He would strongly advise them to take it up, pay attention to it and to endeavour to improve under instruction. He was glad to see the success Queen's College had attained in the matriculation examination at the University. Those successes were quite notable, and the College had taken a prominent part in acting as a feeder for the University—an institution which was every day showing more and more its usefulness, not only in the Colony, but also in South China. The candidates who submitted themselves to examination by the University for the Hongkong Junior Local did not do well, and he feared from the report that this was mainly due to two causes. One was weakness in English, and here he most sympathized with the College. During the past year they had been obliged to withdraw from their activities to less than four masters, two of whom were at the front and the other two were engaged on censorship. The College had thus been somewhat handicapped in that direction. He must try and make good the loss. His Private Secretary had indicated to him that he would be pleased to devote one hour a day to the teaching of English, and he (the Governor) would presently speak to the Headmaster about it. If others decided to volunteer for that purpose he would be pleased to hear from them. The other point, which was a serious one, in the failure of the candidates who presented themselves for the junior examination, was, he feared, a too rapid promotion in the school. The Headmaster had told them that that would be remedied; serious attention would be paid to that fault. It was no use whatever pushing a boy into a class for which he was not qualified.

He was particularly pleased to see that his advice in 1913 regarding the cultivation of athletics had been acted upon. He was anxious that the scholars attending that College should give more time to athletics, because he knew what a valuable training it was to boys. In the playing field Chinese boys would learn something of co-operation and mutual help which China, as a nation, lacked. That was a point which he had endeavoured to inculcate on more than one occasion. He had no doubt that many of them were on the playing field, learning co-operation. The success of the football team was very gratifying. (Applause.) No game was a better discipline. In that game, all were equal, whether rich or poor; high bred or low bred. It brought out the qualities of co-operation, and would also show them how to cultivate the virtue of courage. (Applause.) The success of the Amateur Dramatic Club, some of whose performances he had witnessed was also gratifying. In that Club there was a good field for the cultivation of manners and adaptability and resource and he hoped that the Club would have still further successes in the future. He congratulated the College upon the honour bestowed upon it by the elevation of Sir Robert Ho Tung to the Knight Bachelorship; an honour that had been very well received in the College in which he was a former student. He would like to mention the resignation of Mr. E. B. Wells, the translation master. Mr. Wells had done a very great deal for the education of the

in the College, but also as a member of the Board of Examiners. The Governor most very much regretted that he no longer found it possible to carry out that duty. They had endeavoured to fill his place, but it was not an easy place to fill.

A THOUGHT FOR REFLECTION.

The Governor then wished them all a Happy New Year and a happy holiday, and said he would like them to take with them one thought for reflection which they could think over quietly in their leisure. The other day a person asked him why it was that China had not yet taken the prominent place among the nations of the world that we ought to look to her to take. He considered for a moment and then said he thought that he could sum up the cause in one word, and that was "conceit." China had a very ancient civilization and a very ancient people, and he supposed that these large possessions made her think that she could do better than a younger people. He knew there was a feeling among some Chinese that they or China could not be taught anything. He was not sure if Confucius was not in some way to blame. That morning he spent some hours in trying to find some passage in the Analects in which he inculcated the virtue of humility, but he was not successful. Perhaps some of them would look into the matter during the holidays and see if he was doing Confucius an injustice. Probably he was. Confucius had given them much excellent and wholesome advice, such as "the way of superior man was threefold:—Virtuous—he is free from anxieties;—he is free from perplexities; bold—he is free from fear." In another passage he said: "The superior man is modest in speech but exceeds in action." That was the nearest approach to humility he could find, but it did not quite fit in with what he wanted to inculcate. It was some where near it, and he wanted to remind them—many of whom were subjects of the country for which they had a very great affection in this Colony—that if he had thrown away pride and learnt a little more from Western nations, China would stand higher in the scale of the first-class Powers of the world. He did not disparage her; he admired her, but he thought they would agree with him that what he had said was a fact. It was a fault that could be corrected, and the young Chinese were in a position to correct it. He wanted them further to form a resolution that if ever they came to serve the great country whose borders marched with those of the Colony they would put pride into their pocket, learn a little from the West and apply those principles to the strengthening and elevation of their country to the splendid position which she ought to occupy. (Applause.)

HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

The Headmaster's Report was a very voluminous document. It stated that the total number of scholars enrolled during the year ended 31st December last was 413. The average daily attendance was 186—two less than in the previous year. The highest attendance was reached in March with a daily attendance of 413; these latter figures pointed significantly to the fact that China New Year still held its importance with the vasty majority part of the population.

School Fees brought in \$27,485, and refunds of salaries \$638.50, which gives a total revenue of \$28,123.50. The gross expenditure was \$38,378.16. The net cost to the Government, exclusive of the maintenance of the building, was \$60,057.37. Full and Half Free Scholars and Student Interceptors imply a loss to revenue in the shape of forfeited fees of no less than \$2,735. The average annual cost per scholar was \$129.53.

Dealing with the results of Class examinations the Report said—

The Examination of Full Class 1A, as well as that of Class 2, both Full and Commercial sections, was conducted by the University of Hongkong, universities being paid by the Government. For Matriculation, 20 candidates from Full Class 1A sent in entry forms, but only 19 actually sat; of these, 2 got honours, 3 a simple Pass, 4 were awarded Senior Local Certificates; and 4 failed to get away.

These results, while not equal to those of the previous year, cannot be considered unsatisfactory. The 4 above failures were the only boys who came down in English—undoubtedly the most difficult subject for all our students. One of the 4—Hu Kwok-leung—gloriously retrieved his position by passing Matriculation with Honours in December.

For the Junior Hongkong Local 83 boys actually entered from Full Class 2A, and the three sections of Commercial Class 2; only 74 really sat for the Examination as a whole, and of these only 17, or 23 per cent., satisfied the Examiners. This was a veritable debacle. A close study of the mark sheets shows that the outstanding weakness was in English. Naturally each subject Master regards his own particular branch of study as of paramount importance. For some time, it has been thought that an undue proportion of time was given to Vernacular studies and to Translations. Adjustments and accommodations have been, and are still in process of being made, so as to strengthen the English side of the work, without unduly weakening the Chinese side. Less time is also given to Mathematical branches in the Remova Classes, and the time so gained allotted to English subjects; the ultimate object in view being the achievement of better junior results in the future. As a further insurance against weak boys passing into the highest classes in the current year, 50 per cent. will be adopted as the pass limit throughout the school, instead of in the Remova and the Lower Classes only, as was the case last year.

The results of the Examinations in all Classes are—Total (1915) Examined at Queen's College and at the University:

(1914) Examined at Queen's College and at the University, 473, 413 passed, equal 57 per cent.

The results of the Shortland Examination held by Mr. Young were very disappointing. We have on the regular staff no one properly qualified to teach Shortland, but a Special Visiting Master now controls this difficult subject, and, from the beginning of next term, is to have entire charge of it. Better results should accordingly be obtained at our next Annual Examination.

Hygiene, as a distinct subject, has now disappeared from our curriculum. It is taught in the Remote Class through the valuable medium of Object Lessons, and elsewhere as it crops up, in connection with English subjects, and in connection with Physics.

In another part of the Report it was stated that on the results of the December matriculation examination, the three University nominees for scholarships given by the President of China, were all Q.C. students; the final choice fell on Li Sung, who thus became Hongkong's first President's Scholar. The Registrar of the University had informed the Headmaster that 45 Q.C. past students are at present undergraduates in the various faculties at the University.

The Report also contained a record of the progress of Q.C. boys in Athletics, and under the heading of "General" the activities of the College in many other directions were described, e.g., the Chinese Amateur Dramatic Club, old Q.C.'s boys now taking part in the war; the distinction conferred on Sir Robert Ho Tung, the second old Q.C. student to receive the honour of Knighthood; the successes of Queen's College in the last Examination of candidates for entry into the Chinese Maritime Customs College at Peking; the munificent gifts made by old Q.C. students to War Funds; notably Sir Robert Ho Tung and the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak and various other details.

The Price List was a very lengthy one. We append a list of the principal honours:-

MATRICULATION, July 1915.
Honours List—Pun Yau-hung, Chan Chun-him.
Pass List—Wong Yik-cho, Lo Wan-kai, Wai Ying-ai, Lo Man-hin, Cheung Him, Chan Fuk-him, Yeung Wa-fai, Mok Chan-ki, Li Ping-sham.
MATRICULATION, December, 1915.
Honours List—She Shiu-wei, Kung Shih-an, Hu Chun-ho, Hu Kwok-leung, F. J. Ed.
Pass List—Liu Hung-ang, Chang Chang, Li Wan-tung, Shek Hassan Ismail, Wong Yik-cho.
CANON GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS (December 1915)—Loa Tsun, Fok Hoi-fui, Cheung Him, Li Sang, Yeung Wa-fai.
PRESIDENT'S SCHOLAR—Li Sung.
Senior, Local (July 1915)—Tam Wing-pin, with Distinction in Trigonometry; Chan U-to, Shek Hassan Ismail, Tang Lai-sang.
JUNIOR LOCAL (July 1915)—Kong Ping-fu, Distinction in Mathematics; Li Sung, Distinction in Mathematics, Arithmetic and Drawing; Hung Ho-chiu, Distinction in Arithmetic; Kong Yik-tung, Distinction in English, Mathematics and Arithmetic; Pannie Pon, Distinction in Book-keeping and Arithmetic; Leung Tuen-yun, Distinction in Mathematics and Book-keeping; Wong Ki, Distinction in Mathematics; Lau Yau-chi, Leung Kin-shu, Ho Naiching, Tsang Fuk-toi, Tsang King-ham, She Shiu-toi, Li Hing, Hu Wa-chu, Wong To-p, Wong Yu-lau.

SCHOLARSHIPS—Class 1, Senior Merit, Pun Yau-hung; Class 1, Senior Merit, Chan Chun-him; Class 1, Senior Merit, Li Ping-sham; Class 1, Blake, Tong Po-pon; Class 1, Wright, Lo Man-hin; Class 2, Ho Tung, Li Sung; Class 2, Ho Kwong-tong, Not Awarded; Class 3, Junior Merit, Yeung Kai-hi; Class 3, Ho Fook, Chau Sum-tai; Class 4, Junior Merit, Lo Man-ho; Class 4, Alfred May, Kwong Kam-chiu.

GOVERNMENT FREE SCHOLARSHIPS—Class 4—1, Lau Kwai-tai; 2, Tam Wai-ying; 3, Lau Ping-sham; 4, Young Kwong-lan; 5, Kwok Luen-hing.

SPECIAL PRIZES—Ralphs' Senior Prefect Medal, A. M. Abbas; Magill Memorial Prize, Emerun; Bellis Mathematical Prize, Class 1, Hu Kwok-leung; Mathematical Prize, Class 2, Kong Yik-tung (Ed. M.); Mathematical Prize, Class 3, Li Kam-chak (2nd M.); Arithmetic Composition Prize, Class 1, Emerun; Composition Prize, Class 2, Ng Sze-shut; U. Ramnath Literature Prize, Emerun; Pupils Teacher Prize, 3rd Year, No Examination; 2nd Year, Sung On-wing; 1st Year, Tang Shu-sham; Special Translation, E. C. Cheung Him; Special Translation, C. to E., Kong Yik-tung.

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Interest on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 3 1/2 PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of £100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

N. J. STARR, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 14, 1914.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.

HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £1,000,000

RESERVE FUND £1,000,000

PROFIT AND LOSS £1,000,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

WM. DICKSON, Manager.

Hongkong, July 10, 1914.

THE MEROANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital £1,500,000

Subscribed 1,125,000

Paid-up 562,500

Reserve Fund 500,000

BANKERS, BANK OF ENGLAND.

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

Every description of Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST Allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

O. CHAMPELIN, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, Sept. 4, 1915.

BANKS

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LTD.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL—Yen 49,000,000.00

PAID-UP CAPITAL 30,000,000.00

RESERVE FUND 20,000,000.00

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

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 Modern up-to-date plant operated by our own specially trained
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 All classes of light steel work manufactured by the above process.
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NAME OF DOCK OR SLIP	LENGTH ON KEEL BLOCKS	ENTRANCE BREADTH	DEPTH OVER KEEL AT ORDINARY SPRING TIDE	RISE OF TIDE	NEAPS
KOWLOON	100	100	10	10	10
No. 1 Dock, Kowloon	100	100	10	10	10
No. 2 Dock, Kowloon	100	100	10	10	10
No. 3 Dock, Kowloon	100	100	10	10	10
Patent Slip, No. 1, Kowloon	100	100	10	10	10
Patent Slip, No. 2, Kowloon	100	100	10	10	10
TAI-KO-KU-SUI	100	100	10	10	10
Commercial Dock	100	100	10	10	10
ASBERDEN	100	100	10	10	10
Hong Dock	100	100	10	10	10
Land Dock	100	100	10	10	10

Please Address Enquiries to the Chief Manager,
 R. M. DYER, B.Sc., M.I.N.A., Kowloon Dock, Hongkong.

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

January 31.
 Kaitang, British str., 1,394, R. C. D.
 Bradley, Kube Jan. 29, 1916, General.
 Janssen, Matsumoto & Co., Ltd.
 Dohi, Japan, Jan. 30, 1916, General.
 S. K.
 Chikung, British str., 1,190, H. G.
 N. Walker, Hong Kong Jan. 29, 1916, General.
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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

Thursday next, the 3rd February, being Chinese New Year Day, the Post Office will be entirely closed.
 There will be no delivery or collection of correspondence from the Filler Boxes. Non-Business letters may, however, obtain their ordinary correspondence on application at the enquiry counter at the South West of the building.
 On Friday, the 4th Feb., the Post Office will be open from 8 to 9 a.m., and there will be no delivery and one collection of ordinary letters on Sunday.
 The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Ships in communication with Cape D'Aguilar Radio Telegraph Station:—
 Nidoro
 Mexico
 Protetores

Inward Mails.
 Europe (London 2nd Jan., via Siberia).
 Nidoro, 2nd Feb.
 Europe (English Mail), Namur, 4th Feb.

Mails will close for:—
 SWATOW, AMOY & FORMOSA Via ANPING & TAKAO.
 Per Szechuan, at 7 a.m., on Wednesday, the 2nd Feb.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.
 Per Szechuan, at 7 a.m., on Wednesday, the 2nd Feb.

JAEN Via KOBE.
 Per Szechuan, at 7 a.m., on Wednesday, the 2nd Feb.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN Via MAIL, CANADA, VIA VICTORIA, NORTH & SOUTH AMERICA Via SEATTLE, UNITED KINGDOM Via CANADA.
 Per Szechuan, at 7 a.m., on Wednesday, the 2nd Feb.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN Via NAGASAKI, VICTORIA, B.C., VANCOUVER & UNITED KINGDOM Via CANADA.
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SAIGON.
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STRAITS & INDIA Via CALCUTTA.
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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 1st at 11.38.—The anticyclone is now central to the north of the Yangtze Valley.

Pressure has increased moderately over Japan. The gradient between China and Hokkaido is shallow in consequence.

Pressure has decreased slightly over Tongking, but is nearly stationary from Hongkong to Wei-hai-wei and over the Philippine Islands.

A shallow depression lies over the Gulf Sea. The V-shaped depression has passed into the Pacific.

Moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected along the east coast of China, and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m., to-day, 0.00 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on February 2nd.—
 1.—Hongkong to Gap Road: N.E. winds, moderate; fair.
 2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook: The same as No. 1.

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To-day's Advertisements

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from His Hon. The Court of Commissioners of Police, to sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY, the 9th February, 1916, at 11 a.m., at the Central Police Station, CONDEMNED AND CONFISCATED GOODS.

Trans.—Cash.

HUGHES & HUGHES, Auctioneers to the Government, Hongkong, Feb. 1, 1916.

THE "CHINA MAIL".

NOTICE.

Communications relating to news should be addressed to THE EDITOR.

Correspondents must forward their names and addresses with any communication addressed to the Editor, not necessarily for publication but as evidence of good faith.

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Letters relating to business should be addressed to THE MANAGER.

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Alterations and additions to Advertisements on pages 1, 4, 5, 6 and 8 should be sent as not later than 1 p.m.

New Advertisements should be sent in before 2 p.m.

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